



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 12

Meeting Date: 09/11/2006

Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS

Council Members Present: Vickie Jones (Regional Director), Terry Suttle (Franklin County DCS), Jennifer Munden (Henry County DCS), Mary Willis (Henry County Judge), Gene Sanford (Union County DCS), Debbie VanMeter (Fayette County DCS), Jean Cates (Wayne County DCS), and Annette Craycraft (CASA).

Council Members Absent: Daniel Pflum (Fayette County Judge), Matt Cox (Union County Judge) Andrea Smith (Foster Parent)

Others in Attendance: Carl Scheib (Provider), Mark Munchel (Fayette County DCS), Mike Flemming (Henry County DCS). Scott Noel (Provider), Dan Arens (Provider), Beckie Moses (Fayette County DCS), Darla Randall (Provider), Vivian Ashmawi (Schools), and John Bennett (Provider).

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 15:30

1. Carl Scheib updated the committee on "Community Partners for Child Safety Program". Carl went over time lines for the program. Carl went over the referral form. Carl also showed a photo of the office space and invited any person to stop in and check them out. Handouts provided.
2. Development of Regional Plan was discussed. This is not optional as previously thought. They are working on an outline for this plan. This topic deals with the Child Welfare Service Account: Early intervention/prevention dollars.
3. IV-B contracts, Services started in July 2006. No signed contracts are yet signed. Contracts have gone out to providers to sign and then they will go through the state signature process. No payments are being made through IV-B contracts as of yet. Vickie asked if there is a need for each county to bring to the committee a monthly amount currently being spent and nobody on the committee saw a need at this time for those figures.
4. Vickie stated that a gap in services has been addressed regarding substance abuse services. These have been broken into different categories since it is so broad. One service deals with testing: Some counties do their own testing and some counties send to ER and draw blood. Detox is another service: Reid Memorial and Aurora will present the committee with information at the next meeting. Inpatient is another service and Richmond State Hospital is being looked at to facilitate this need. IOP and outpatient services will be addressed later. The group is currently working on the service standards. Hopefully by next meeting a service standard will be developed for the drug testing service.

5. A handout was provided to the committee by Vickie on Practice Principals. This document was in hierarchy form starting with the “vision and mission” of DCS; ending with the agencies “practice skills”.

6. Region 12 has volunteered for a pilot program dealing with intake and investigations. It is recommended to get away from the terminology of “investigation” as opposed to “assessment”. Region 12 has been meeting (supervisors, directors and regional manager) and has been addressing “screen out” reports. The goal was to obtain some consistency between counties in Region 12. It is believed that there is more uniformity from county to county within the region as opposed to past practices.

7. Other issues and/or concerns: Fully understanding the role of the Regional Council was brought up as a concern. It was asked if the Regional Council is responsible for approving any contacts and/or agreements and it was confirmed that the committee is to approve and of these. Jean Cates then brought up the need to bring to the committee charges for drug screens for Wayne County. Jean asked the committee for approval to spend \$15.00 or \$30.00 for current screening costs. Jean Cates will present this next month in writing (later determined November’s meeting), but presented the request verbally today. Terry Suttle moved to approve this request of Jean Cates, Gene Sanford seconded the request. All voting members approved. It was noted that Henry County DCS pays for the first screen and then the client pays for any additional tests if the test is positive; the county pays for the screen if it is negative. Other county representatives commented that they have been paying for all screens.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: November 13th, 2006 @ 15:00

Meeting Adjourned at: Approximately 16:20